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Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services provides services to all individuals with disabilities within the guidelines set forth by federal legislation regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, ancestry or disability.

PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR VOTING ACCESS (PAVA)

TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE RIGHTS
OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES,
THROUGH EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY



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THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM FOR INDIANA
MEMBER, NATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS NETWORK

Who is IPAS?

IPAS is an independent state agency separate from all other state agencies and programs. IPAS was established in 1977 in response to federal requirements for a program to advocate for the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities. Since then, more programs have been added to serve the advocacy needs of specific groups of individuals with disabilities.

Like the rest of America, Indiana obtains great strengths from the diversity of our people. The advantages of diversity can be seen all around us, through people who share differing abilities, experiences, traditions, and ideas that enrich our lives and our culture. The Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services Commission defends the rights of citizens with different abilities and extend equal opportunity and empowerment to people with disabilities.

In October, 2003, in compliance with the Help America Vote Act, funds were appropriated to IPAS to ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities.



Your Vote Counts— The Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

In 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Help America Vote Act or HAVA. This legislation is aimed at improving the general election process and sets forth new federal election requirements for state election officials to follow. Some of the new guidelines include:

- Each state must develop a centralized, computerized, and uniform statewide voter registration database to ensure the accuracy of voter registration files.
- Each voting precinct will be required by 2006 to have one voting machine that is accessible for people with disabilities.
- Each state must provide for provisional ballots to ensure that every voter is able to cast his or her vote if there is a question of eligibility. There must also be a system developed to notify the voter if his or her ballot was or was not counted, and if not, why not.
- Each state must develop a system that allows voters to check for errors on their ballots and make any corrections privately and independently.
- Each polling place must be accessible to people with disabilities.

For more information on HAVA, please visit the Federal Election Commission's Web site: www.fec.com

For more information on Indiana's plan for the implementation of HAVA, please visit the Indiana's Secretary of State's Election Division Web site: www.sos.in.gov

Get Help: Bill of Voting Rights

- The Constitution of the United States of America says I have the right to take part in my civic life.
- If I am registered to vote in Indiana, I have the right to vote in this election.
- I have the right to vote by myself or with help. I can select who I want to assist me.
- Even if I have a conservator, I may vote unless a court specifically said I cannot.
- I have the right to vote the way I want.
- I have the right to get help if someone tries to stop me from voting.
- I have the right to be shown how to make my choices on my ballot.
- If I am waiting in line when the poll closes, I must be allowed to vote.

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOUR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED

If you feel your rights have been violated or if you have been witness to any form of voter fraud, please contact any of the following local, state or federal offices:

INDIANA PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SERVICES
(317) 722-5555 OR (800) 622-4845
TTY: (317) 722-5563 OR (800) 838-1131

INDIANA SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTION DIVISION
(317) 232-3939 OR (800) 622-1941

INDIANA STATE POLICE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
(317) 232-4338

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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